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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an International Search Report that was mailed on June 7, 2004, with respect to International Patent Application No. PCT/JP03/012817, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application, in which the following documents were cited:

European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 209 930;

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 99/59363, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,625,135;

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/31945, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,748,233;

U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0085516;

International Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/6804, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0094815;

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International Patent Application Publication No. WO 02/17213, together with patent family member U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0124101;

United Kingdom Patent Application Publication No. GB 2 327 175; and European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 161 047.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

Applicants also bring the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-261592, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 1 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2001-144814, together with an English language Abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2002-199451, together with an English language Abstract of the same; and

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/492,545 to SATO et al., which was filed on April 27, 2004.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

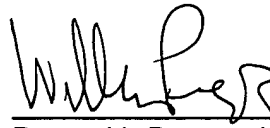
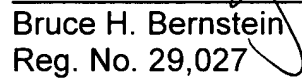
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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